

**Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, March 2, 2015 @ 7:00 PM.**

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Present were Chairman Harold L. Dunn, Vice Chairman Susan M. Setterland, Selectmen: Joseph R. Salvucci, and Robert S. O'Rourke. Also present: Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Executive Assistant Ann Lee. Selectman Brian E. Barthelmes was unable to attend.

At 7:00 PM Chairman Dunn opened the meeting and asked if any member of the audience had any comment or discussion item for the Open Forum portion of the meeting; Jane Estabrooks and Elizabeth Johansen addressed their concerns with the development of the lot located at 54 Old Shipyard Lane; the Board requested that the TM follow-up with their concerns and provide a report to the Board. Kevin Zygadlo inquired about the costs associated with the re-count of the State Representative election informing the Board that he has checked the campaign accounts of both candidates and funds are available. The TM noted letters were sent to the Treasurers of both campaigns and to date there has been no response.

The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of 2-23-15 including Executive Session.

The Board met with Gary Haynes regarding his interest in serving on the Historical Commission and voted to appoint Gary Haynes to the Historical Commission, with a term to expire June 30, 2016.

The Board met with Steve Tucker, Barbara Itz, David Ladd and Bob Quirk members of the Bylaw Committee for the annual Collaboration Meeting. Mr. Tucker explained the Committee's charge and the process they are going through for the upcoming Town Meeting.

The Board met with Cathy Harder-Bernier, Town Clerk regarding Town Meeting Articles submitted relative to Dog Licenses. The Board discussed all department fees being set by the department and approved by Town Meeting every year. The Board agreed with the revisions to the Bylaws as suggested in the memo provided by the Town Clerk dated January 21, 2015 (attached). The Town Clerk informed the Board of a donation of fabric to be made to the Town; the Board voted to accept the donation of 10-20 yards of fabric to the Town with an approximate value of \$130 with a thank-you to Pamela McInness for the generous donation.

The Board met with Frank Casey & Maureen Cooke from the South Shore Community Action Council regarding their Petition Article submitted for an appropriation of \$5,000 to support services that are provided to low income and elderly residents of the Town. Mr. Casey reviewed with the Board the programs offered by the SSCAC. The Board agreed that they support this Article.

The Board met with State Representative David DeCoste for a district update;

- Governor Baker and Speaker DeLeo have committed to fund at 2014 levels; no cuts in the Governor's budget. Chapter 70 (Local Aid) and Chapter 90 will be funded. With the prior administration Chapter 90 had been funded at zero for the next fiscal year.
- Representative DeCoste has been appointed to three committees; Housing Committee; Committee on Veterans & Federal Affairs and Public Service Committee.
- He is looking to make some reasonable changes to the 40B laws. The TM noted Hanover is in the high 9% for 40B housing.
- Will begin regular office hours on a bi-weekly basis rotating through the three towns.
- The salt shed located on Rt. 53 may be eligible for funding for repairs.

The Board voted to approve the Friends of Julie 5K Road Race request for Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. consistent with the Board's Policy; Selectman Salvucci abstained from the vote.

The Board received the approval to Deficit Spend dated February 25, 2015 (attached).

The Board received a draft of the Special Town Meeting Warrant (attached). The TM reviewed the Articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant with the Board.

The TM reported a draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant has been provided to the Advisory Committee.

**Town Manager Report:**

- Conducted an information analysis with surrounding communities on Snow and Ice Budgets (handout provided). Hanover budgeted \$379,000 vs. Hull \$74,000 and Rockland who budgeted \$150,000. We will continue to monitor this.
- The Fire Chief and the Acting Town Account participated in a telephone conference call with the Mass Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and are hopeful Federal money will be made available for our storm response because of the nature of the storms. Other expenses related to storm response will be dependent on whether or not we receive aid.
- The Town has a supply of Street salt.
- There are additional costs for removing snow and ice from roofs.

The Board inquired about the number of car accidents involving Town vehicles; the TM will provide a list to the Board and further noted employee training may be another option.

Selectman Salvucci inquired about the sub-contractors who plow snow and informed the Town Manager of a resident who reported that the sub-contractor was putting snow on her fence; the resident called DPW and the Police and did not receive a response; the TM requested the resident be put in touch with his office.

**Open Forum**

Kevin Zygadlo inquired on the process to repeal the Community Preservation Act noting some of the recent projects sound "iffy". The TM reported Town Counsel provided the following on; liens, if money is approved for a project on private property a property restriction (preservation restriction) is recorded at the Registry of Deeds this is not a financial lien it's a restriction about further alterations to the building based on the grant usually historic property; unprecedented to put a lien on property. To repeal the Act would require legislative action and the vote of Town Meeting. Financial implications: the Town has borrowed on future revenues the tax would remain in place until the bonds are paid off; these numbers have not been calculated. The Board has taken the initiative to look at historic preservation, affordable housing, and recreation to ensure Community Preservation projects fit.

The Board did not require an Executive Session.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 8:46 PM.